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which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 07/824,964, filed January 24, 1992 (now abandoned), and a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/006,311, filed January 19, 1993 (now abandoned), the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-55 and add new claims 56-83.

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1 2. *Sub 31* --56. (NEW) A locking device for attaching to a security slot in a portable
2 object, comprising:

3 3. a housing;

4 4. a moveable locking arm extending from said housing and having a locking
5 5. member at an end of said arm that extends outside of said housing, said locking member
6 6. having a shape for insertion into and removal from the security slot, said locking arm moveable
7 7. between a locked position and an unlocked position;

8 8. a pin, coupling the housing to the security slot when said locking arm is in said
9 9. locked position, for inhibiting transition of said locking arm to said unlocked position; and

10 10. a cable, coupled to said housing, for attachment to an object other than to the
11 11. portable object.

1 1. 57. (NEW) The locking device of claim 56 wherein said locking member
2 2. forms a T-shape with said locking arm.

1 1. 58. (NEW) The locking device of claim 57 wherein said locking member
2 2. matches a peripheral profile of the security slot.

1 59. (NEW) The locking device of claim 56 wherein said locking arm
2 rotates between said locked position and said unlocked position.

1 60. (NEW) The locking device of claim 56 wherein said rotation is about
2 an axis perpendicular to a plane containing the security slot.

1 61. (NEW) A locking device system for inhibiting theft of a portable
2 object, comprising:

3 a portable object having a wall defining a security slot;

4 a housing;

5 a moveable locking arm extending from said housing and having a locking
6 member at an end of said arm that extends outside of said housing, said locking member
7 having a shape for insertion into and removal from said security slot, said locking arm
8 moveable between a locked position and an unlocked position;

9 a pin, coupling the housing to said security slot when said locking arm is in said
10 locked position, for inhibiting transition of said locking arm to said unlocked position; and

11 a cable, coupled to said housing, for attachment to an object other than to said
12 portable object.

1 62. (NEW) The locking device of claim 61 wherein said locking member
2 forms a T-shape with said locking arm.

1 63. (NEW) The locking device of claim 62 wherein said locking member
2 matches a peripheral profile of said security slot.

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1 64. (NEW) The locking device of claim 61 wherein said locking arm
2 rotates between said locked position and said unlocked position.

1 65. (NEW) The locking device of claim 61 wherein said rotation is about
2 an axis perpendicular to a plane containing said security slot.

1 66. (NEW) A method of inhibiting theft of a portable object, comprising
2 the steps of:

3 inserting a locking member, coupled to a locking arm that extends from a
4 housing, into a security slot defined in a wall of the portable object;

5 moving the locking arm from an unlocked position, in which the locking
6 member may be removed from the security slot, to a locked position to retain said locking
7 member within the portable object;

8 inhibiting movement of said locking arm to said unlocked position; and

9 coupling a cable attached to said housing to a second object other than to the
10 portable object.

1 67. (NEW) The locking device of claim 66 wherein said locking member
2 forms a T-shape with said locking arm.

1 68. (NEW) The locking device of claim 67 wherein said locking member
2 matches a peripheral profile of the security slot.

1 69. (NEW) The locking device of claim 66 wherein said locking arm
2 rotates between said locked position and said unlocked position.

1 70. (NEW) The locking device of claim 66 wherein said rotation is about
2 an axis perpendicular to a plane containing the security slot.

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2 71. (NEW) A locking device for attaching to a security slot in a portable
object, comprising:

3 a housing;

4 a moveable locking arm extending from said housing and having a locking
5 member at an end of said arm that extends outside of said housing, said locking member
6 having a shape for insertion into and removal from the security slot, said locking arm moveable
7 between a locked position and an unlocked position with said locking member insertable into
8 and removable from the security slot when said locking arm is in said unlocked position;

9 at least one securing member, coupled to the security slot when said locking
10 arm is in said locked position, for inhibiting transition of said locking arm to a disengagement
11 position; and

12 a cable, coupled to said housing, for attachment to an object other than to the
13 portable object.

1 72. (NEW) The locking device of claim 71 wherein said locking member
2 forms a T-shape with said locking arm.

1 73. (NEW) The locking device of claim 72 wherein said locking member
2 matches a peripheral profile of the security slot.

1 74. (NEW) The locking device of claim 71 wherein said locking arm
2 rotates between said locked position and said unlocked position.

1 75. (NEW) The locking device of claim 71 wherein said rotation is about
2 an axis perpendicular to a plane containing the security slot.

1 76. (NEW) The locking device of claim 71 wherein said disengagement
2 position matches said unlocked position.

1 77. (NEW) A locking device system for inhibiting theft of a portable
2 object, comprising:

3 a portable object having a wall defining a security slot;

4 a housing;

5 a moveable locking arm extending from said housing and having a locking
6 member at an end of said arm that extends outside of said housing, said locking member
7 having a shape for insertion into and removal from said security slot, said locking arm
8 moveable between a locked position and an unlocked position with said locking member
9 insertable into and removable from the security slot when said locking arm is in said unlocked
10 position;

11 at least one securing member, coupled to said security slot when said locking
12 arm is in said locked position, for inhibiting transition of said locking arm to a disengagement
13 position; and

14 a cable, coupled to said housing, for attachment to an object other than to the
15 portable object.

1 78. (NEW) The locking device of claim 77 wherein said locking member
2 forms a T-shape with said locking arm.

1 79. (NEW) The locking device of claim 78 wherein said locking member
2 matches a peripheral profile of the security slot.

1 80. (NEW) The locking device of claim 77 wherein said locking arm
2 rotates between said locked position and said unlocked position.

1 81. (NEW) The locking device of claim 77 wherein said rotation is about
2 an axis perpendicular to a plane containing the security slot.

1 82. (NEW) The locking device of claim 77 wherein said disengagement
2 position matches said unlocked position.

1 83. (NEW) An apparatus for connecting to a portable device having an
2 external wall provided with a specially designed generally rectangular slot having preselected
3 dimensions, comprising:

4 a housing, said housing including a cable attachment mechanism;

5 a first and a second locking leg generally parallel to each other coupled to and
6 extending from said housing a distance greater than a thickness of the external wall, the first
7 and second locking leg adapted for insertion into said slot;

8 a key-actuated lock within said housing, said lock operable from a first position
9 to a second position;

10 a locking member between said first and second locking legs, coupled to said
11 key-actuated lock and responsive to operation of said lock, for moving between an unlocked
12 position when said lock is in said first position to a locked position when said lock is in said

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